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FMCSA Allows Electronic Driver Vehicle Inspections

Washington State Patrol Chief Ronal Serpas announced today the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) is now accepting electronic inspection reports performed by commercial motor vehicle drivers.

Regulations require drivers of commercial motor vehicles to prepare a report in writing at the completion of each day's work on each truck operated. The report identifies any defects that would affect the safe operation of the vehicle. In all instances, the driver must sign the report, and any defects likely to affect the safe operation of the vehicle must be repaired by the motor carrier before it is operated again.

"We welcome this move on the part of FMCSA, as it allows the trucking industry to use advanced technology, saving time and money," stated Washington State Patrol Commercial Vehicle Division Acting Captain Jeffrey Otis.

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